

What is claimed is:

1. A method of providing a machine-readable indicia on a media having a protective overlayer comprising the steps of:

a) providing a 1st machine-readable indicia in an image layer on said media; and

b) providing a 2nd machine-readable indicia in a protective overlayer that is identical in content to, and in register with said 1st machine-readable indicia in said image layer.

2. A method of providing indicia on a media having a protective overlayer comprising the steps of:

a) providing a 1st machine-readable indicia in an image layer on said media; and

b) providing a 2nd machine-readable indicia in a protective overlayer that is identical in content to, and in register with said 1st machine-readable indicia in said image layer.